

# MAGISTRATES COURT OF TASMANIA

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### *Fees (Annual Increase) Effective 1 July 2021*

Lawyers and parties are advised that the annual indexation of a “fee unit” pursuant to the *Fee Units Act 1997* takes effect from 1 July 2021.

From 2 July 2021 a fee unit will have a prescribed value of \$1.65.

Accordingly, fees are increased in the Court’s various jurisdictions under the following legislation:

- *Justices Regulations 2013*
- *Magistrates Court (Civil Division) (Fees) Regulations 2018*
- *Magistrates Court (Administrative Appeals Division) (Fees) Regulations 2012*
- *Coroners (Fees, Expenses and Allowances) Regulations 2016*
- *Surrogacy Regulations 2013*

A schedule of all current fees (amended to include the abovementioned increase) is published on the Magistrates Court website at:

<http://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/fees>

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### *Civil Division - Costs & Fees Claimable - Ready Reckoner*

Following the annual indexation of a "fee unit" (now \$1.65) under the *Fee Units Act 1997*, which takes effect from 1 July 2021, lawyers and parties are advised that the calculation of fees payable and costs and expenses currently claimable in liquidated claims in the Magistrates Court (Civil Division) – based on a single Claimant and a single Defendant - are as follows:

	<b>\$ Amount Claimed in Action</b>				
	<b>&lt;\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,001 - \$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,001 - \$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,001 - \$10,000</b>	<b>&gt;\$10,000</b>
<b>Filing fee on originating process.</b>	115.50	115.50	115.50	231.00	231.00
<b>Appeal Costs Fund fee.</b>	+ 8.25	+ 8.25	+ 8.25	+ 8.25	+ 8.25
<b>Total filing fees payable on Claim</b>	<b>= 123.75</b>	<b>= 123.75</b>	<b>= 123.75</b>	<b>= 239.25</b>	<b>= 239.25</b>
<b>Solicitors' costs allowed.</b>	+ 102.00	+ 204.00	+ 306.00	+ 408.00	+ 510.00
<b>Service allowed per Defendant.</b>	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00
<b>Total costs &amp; fees endorsed on Claim</b>	<b>= 276.75</b>	<b>= 378.75</b>	<b>= 480.75</b>	<b>= 698.25</b>	<b>= 800.25</b>
<b>Solicitors' costs on entering default judgment.</b>	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00
<b>Total costs &amp; fees claimed on signing judgment</b>	<b>= 327.75</b>	<b>= 429.75</b>	<b>= 531.75</b>	<b>= 749.25</b>	<b>= 851.25</b>
<b>Solicitors' costs on preparing enforcement process.</b>	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00
<b>Filing fee on enforcement process.</b>	+ 41.25	+ 41.25	+ 41.25	+ 41.25	+ 41.25
<b>Service expense allowed (per party per service).</b>	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00	+ 51.00
<b>or Bailiff's execution fee allowed(Warrants to Sell Property) .</b>	+173.25	+173.25	+173.25	+173.25	+173.25

1. For filing fees, see:  
*Magistrates Court (Civil Division) (Fees) Regulations 2018, Schedule 1; and  
Fee Units Act 1997 s6*
  
2. For Appeal Costs Fund fee, see:  
*Appeal Costs Fund Act 1968 s5(1) and Appeal Costs Fund Regulations 2013 reg.4 and reg.5*
  
3. For costs allowable see:  
*Magistrates Court (Civil Division) Rules 1998, Schedule 1, Part 3*
  
4. For service fee allowable see:  
*Magistrates Court (Civil Division) Rules 1998, Schedule 1, Parts 1 & 2, Item 14(b)*
  
5. For garnishee applications, a service expense is allowable once upon the Judgment Debtor (Application and Provisional Order), and twice upon the Garnishee (Application, Provisional Order, and Final Order).